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SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARKS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) the number of Software Technology Parks proposed to be set up by the Union Government during the current financial year i.e. 2002-2003; and

(b) the details of financial assistance sanctioned, State-wise for setting up the same during the said period alongwith the financial or technical assistance taken/being taken from the foreign countries for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a): During the year 2002-03 seven STPI (SoftwareTechnology Parks of India) Centers areproposed to be set up viz. Trichy, Pondichery, Nasik, Kolhapur, Thirunelveli, Mangalore andHubli. Except Thirunelveli and Mangalore, funds for the remaining Centers were released during the previous years.

(b): The estimated cost of setting up a STPI Centeris about Rs.3.4 crores. Out of this, the concerned State Government provides Rs. 1 crore as grant-in-aid and Rs.50 lakhs are funded by Government of India. The balance fund requirement is met b y Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an Autonomoussociety under Department of Information Technology. Besides this, the State Government also provides the requisite land/built up space for the Center. The details of financial assistance sanctioned by Government during the year 2002-03 are given in Annexure.